



STINGER BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL YEAR IN REVIEW

The Concordia women's basketball team headed into the 1985-86 season as the defending Quebec University Athletic Association champions. Nonetheless, it was clear this would be a rebuilding year. Mike Hickey had vacated the head coaching position a few months before the schedule got under way and rookie co-coaches Sylvia Sweeney and Poly Stevens were faced with the unenviable task of forming a team consisting primarily of newcomers. Only three holdovers from the championship season were in the lineup when the campaign began.

When the season concluded in February the lady Stingers were anxiously looking forward to next year, after suffering through a frustrating 0-27 season.

Coaches Sweeney and Stevens heaped much praise on their players who showed an exceptional attitude throughout the campaign. Not once did they get down on themselves, nor take anything for granted. Practices were well attended and collectively they agree that the season served as a tremendous learning experience.

Sweeney, a former member of the Canadian Olympic women's basketball team, and one-time lady Stinger star, plans to stage clinics throughout the summer months. Immediately after the 1985-86 season ended, she and Stevens began recruiting.